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Assassination of PLO's Al-Qawasimi

Member of the PLO Executive Committee Fahd al-Qawasimi, the former mayor of Hebron who was deported by Israel, was assassinated near his home in Amman on 29 December, Amman radio reported. Four persons implicated in the crime were being interrogated by Jordanian authorities, according to INA, although a Jordanian official cited by Radio Monte Carlo said later that there had been no progress in the investigation. In an anonymous telephone call to AFP, the Palestinian Black September organization claimed responsibility for the killing, Damascus radio disclosed.

Upon arriving in Amman from the PDRY, PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat declared that the hired assassins were the ones who tried to obstruct the PNC meeting, and he warned the "Damascus rulers who protect and direct them" that they will not be able to weaken the people's will or stop the PLO march, Radio Monte Carlo reported. The assassination was planned in Damascus on orders of Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad, PLO Deputy Military Commander Khalil al-Wazir asserted in a statement cited by Amman radio. Jordan's King Husayn denounced the killing by a "cowardly hired hand" in condolences to 'Arafat reported by Amman television, while Israel's Foreign Minister Yitzhaq Shamir maintained that the assassination should be a warning to the king about the risks he takes in relating to "terrorist organizations," according to Jerusalem radio. An Egyptian Government source cited by Cairo radio said Egypt was extremely sad at the news of the assassination and condemns "this brutal terrorist act." The DFLP and the PFLP, in statements reported by Radio Monte Carlo and KUNA respectively, denounced the crime and charged that it deepens the Palestinian fragmentation.

The murder has shocked the West Bank, Jerusalem radio reported, noting that although some blame Israel, the general view is that the Syrians or their hired mercenaries are the culprits. Palestinian West Bank leaders and some Knesset members as well as Minister 'Ezer Weizman called for the Israeli Government to allow Al-Qawasimi's burial to take place in Hebron. Jerusalem television announced that the Al-Qawasimi family and other dignitaries from the territories have permission to travel to Amman for the funeral on 31 December.

Lebanon

The obstacles to the security plan for the coastal road have been "eliminated" and the government hopes it will be implemented "soon," Prime Minister Rashid Karami stated in remarks broadcast by Beirut radio after being briefed by President Amin al-Jumayyil on the latter's recent visit to Damascus. In a report on Al-Jumayyil's talks with President al-Asad, Damascus radio noted that "special attention" was devoted to the Lebanese security situation and the implementation of the security plan for the coastal highway. Meanwhile, a Progressive Socialist Party official cited by the clandestine Voice of the Mountain radio held the government responsible for recent car-bomb attacks on Druze targets.

Regarding the Lebanese-Israeli negotiations at Al-Naqurah, Lebanese Government sources cited by the Voice of Lebanon disclosed that Presidents al-Jumayyil and Al-Asad have worked out "new proposals" which will be presented by the Lebanese side when the talks resume on 7 January. For Israel's part, Prime Minister Shim'on Peres stated in remarks broadcast by Jerusalem radio that "a little bit of diplomatic movement" over the weekend has "enhanced the chances of the negotiations." As for Israel's policy in the event of the failure of the talks, the radio pointed out that differences between Labor and Likud ministers are preventing an unequivocal plan for a unilateral withdrawal. Noting that Defense Minister Yitzhaq Rabin is currently studying various options submitted by the IDF, the radio predicted that Rabin will favor a withdrawal to the Al-Litani River pending further developments that justify another movement.

Meanwhile, two Israeli soldiers were injured in a 30 December ambush in southern Lebanon, according to an announcement by the IDF spokesman cited by ITIM. The IDF subsequently captured an eight-man "terrorist" squad north of Sidon, Jerusalem radio reported.

OPEC

At the conclusion of their meeting in Geneva the OPEC ministers announced agreement, with the exception of Algeria and Nigeria, on a temporary adjustment of the pricing system to be valid through January, AFP reported. Previously, the ministers decided to form two committees to oversee members' prices and production, according to the conference chairman's statement cited by INA: an executive committee to set up the monitoring system and receive its final reports, and an investigative monitoring committee.

Iran-Iraq War

Iraqi aircraft shot down two Iranian F-4's in a dogfight over the Maysan sector on 29 December, an Iraqi military spokesman announced in a statement reported by INA. The Iranian jets were attempting to intercept Iraqi planes which were raiding Iranian positions, he said. An Iraqi communique carried by Voice of the Masses radio the following day reported further Iraqi air attacks on Iranian troops which had "massed to commit aggression against our borders." For Iran's part, Tehran radio announced that Iraqi air raids in the Bostan area killed 14 people and wounded 90 others.

Earlier, at a Friday sermon reported by IRNA, Iranian Majlis Speaker 'Ali Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani warned Iraq and its supporters that Iran will attack one of their ships for every ship attacked near Iran's oil terminals in the Gulf. He also reaffirmed

that Iran will close the Strait of Hormuz if its oil exports are halted by the Iraqi attacks.

Libyan-Tunisian Cooperation

Libyan and Tunisian officials, meeting in Tunis within the framework of a bilateral Higher Committee, concluded cooperation agreements on a number of issues, including trade exchange and security, Tripoli radio reported on 30 December.

Sudan

A government spokesman's claim that 600 rebels were killed in a Christmas Day clash on the Bor-Juba road was denied by a spokesman for the Sudanese People's Liberation Army (SPLA), the clandestine SPLA radio reported on 28 December. Instead, the radio asserted, a 25 December ambush on the same road left 117 government troops dead. Another ambush, in the Bentiu area, killed 27 government soldiers, the radio added. Subsequently, a government source announced that government forces killed 83 rebels when they attacked the rebels' Bentiu camp, according to SUNA, while the clandestine SPLA radio declared that rebel forces captured a town in the Upper Nile administrative area, killing 73 government troops.

Afghanistan

As the Soviet occupation entered its 6th year, intensified fighting left 24 Soviet-DRA troops dead in the Qandahar area and 13 dead in Ghowr Province, Karachi radio reported, while Tehran radio noted that 20 Soviet troops were killed in night operations in Kabul.

In a separate development, a DRA spokesman denounced recent remarks by U.S. President Ronald Reagan on continuing and increasing aid to the rebels as proof that armed interference in DRA internal affairs is an integral part of U.S. foreign policy.

Pakistan

According to an unofficial count, six Biharis died during demonstrations to protest alleged remarks by President Ziaul Haq on 27 December that the Biharis, a group partially repatriated from Bangladesh, are Bangladesh's problem and describing them as "beggars," AFP reported.

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PDPA Central Committee Slogans Proclaimed

LD302056 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 30 Dec 84

[Slogans of the PDPA Central Committee on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the PDPA]

[Text] Auspicious be the 20th anniversary of the PDPA!

Long live the PDPA, the party of the country's working class and all workers, this inspirer and organizer of the April revolution!

Glory to the PDPA, this vanguard of the country's working class and all toilers!

The courageous fighters of the PDPA! Be at the forefront in the struggle against the enemies of the revolution and in developing our independent country! The strength of our party is in deep and broad links with the masses of the people! The fundamental aims of the PDPA are the maintenance of the prosperity of the people and the well-being and blossoming of our beloved homeland, revolutionary Afghanistan! Members of the PDPA! Struggle with a spirit of sincerity, self sacrifice, and service to your people and homeland in completely eliminating the counterrevolutionary bands and the building of a proud and free Afghanistan! Long live the internationalist solidarity of the PDPA with all fraternal parties!

The PDPA has unbreakable determination, relying on the toilers of the country to build a just and new society!

Let the unity and oneness of the militant ranks of our party become still further consolidated!

Glory to the glorious April revolution!

Long live the PDPA, the organizing and leading force of the new social order in our country!

Let all our force, energy, logic, and feeling be at the service of the people!

Long live the great Leninist party, the CPSU!

Long live the unbreakable friendship between the parties, governments, and peoples of Afghanistan and socialist countries!

Consolidated be friendship, solidarity, and cooperation between the peoples thoughout the world!

Consolidated be the unbreakable fraternal friendship between the peoples of Afghanistan and the Soviet Union!

Long live the unity of the national and patiotic forces of Afghanistan!

Long live our heroic Armed Forces, the defenders of the gains of the April revolution!

Long live our beloved, free, independent, revolutionary, proud, and glorious country, Afghanistan!

Eternal glory to the sacrificers and martyrs of the path of the April revolution!

Long live the heroic and free people of Afghanistan!

Forward toward the realization of the PDPA program of action, this program for socioeconomic growth and the blossoming of our homeland!

Noble workers of the country! Organize yourselves in self-defense groups for defending institutes, factories, plants, cooperatives, bridges, highways, and public property which are the product of your labor and are for your properity!

Workers of the country! Make serious efforts with revolutionary spirit and workers' discipline toward the growth of the national economy, the return of work and its qualitative improvement!

The toiling farmers of the country! Organize yourselves in the farmers councils of the villages and agricultural cooperatives for the realization of the democratic land and water reform and toward the enhancement of the level of agricultural products!

Long live the unity of workers, peasants, and other toilers of the country!

Militant members of the trade unions of Afghanistan!

Further close your ranks under the leadership of the PDPA and courageously defend the production and industrial centers of the country against the counterrevolution! Long live the DYOA, this active, militant, and reserve force of the PDPA!

Courageous women of the country! Play an active part in the sociopolitical and cultural life of the country and heroically defend the gains of the April revolution, which are the guarantor of your freedom and prosperity!

Progressive and aware intellectuals! Wage a vigorous struggle in the realisation of the PDPA program of action and put into work all your talents, knowledge, and capability toward realizing the sacred aims of the April revolution!

Patriots of the country! Wage a serious struggle toward the complete elimination of illiteracy in the country! National capitalists of the country! Increase your investments in the national economy of the country and play an active part in the growth, development, and prosperity of the homeland!

State personnel! With consistent revolutionary work and struggle, enhance the level of responsibility, discipline, and quality of work, and with a spirit of self sacrifice and sincerity, be at the service of the people!

Officers of the heroic DRA Armed Forces! Intensify joint efforts in the struggle against the armed counterrevolution and fight against them with irreconcilable spirit! Courageous officers and men of the Armed Forces! With high revolutionary spirit and conscious order and discipline, enhance the quality of combat capability of the DRA Armed Forces!

Political workers of the Armed Forces! Strive toward the growth of politico-ideological consciousness and the still further consolidation of the party ranks in the DRA Armed Forces!

Workers of the country! Play an active part in the realization of the law of local organs of the state power and administration, which is the guarantor of your well-being and prosperity!

Long live the National Fatherland Front, this great social organization and coordinator of the national democratic forces and all patriots of the country!

Brother tribes and clans of Afghanistan! Unite further around the PDPA, which is the true supporter of your unity, solidarity, prosperity, and well-being! By joining the ranks of the revolution defense groups, border militias, tribal battalions, and brigades, defend your motherland against the aggressions of imperialist forces and the counterrevolutionary bands!

Patriotic religious leaders of the country! Play an active and sincere part in realizing the PDPA program of action, which is the guarantor of your interests! Long live revolutionary solidarity between Afghanistan and socialist countries, the international workers movement and liberation movements of people throughout the world!

Foreign Ministry Comments on Reagan's Remarks
LD302047 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 30 Dec 84

[Text] A spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said today in reply to a question from BAKHTAR INFORMATION AGENCY's correspondent on recent remarks by U.S. President Ronald Reagan:

According to press reports Ronald Reagan has once again repeated old stories, but this time openly made hostile remarks about the people and national democratic revolution of Afghanistan and the DRA. He tried once again to justify the shameless armed interference and undeclared war waged by the most plundering power of world imperialism against the free and heroic people of Afghanistan. The remarks of the U.S. President on the continuation and increase in aid to Afghan counterrevolutionaries show the intensification of the U.S. policy of state terrorism and prove that armed interference oy U.S. imperialism is an inseparable part of Washington's aggressive foreign policy. Most of Reagan's remarks were those lies and fabrications that have been repeated for 6 years by the huge imperialist propaganda machine in an internationally united and organized war against our people, revolution and motherland. Reagan praised those uncivilized and disgraceful murderers whose black crimes against our people are unforgivable. With these words the U.S. President tried to give hope and strength to those traitors who are on the verge of defeat and elimination as a result of the crushing blows by the DRA Armed Forces and by the people of our country. And by promising more military aid he was trying to save them from the claws of despair and disunity and fighting among themselves.

With the victory of the national democratic April revolution our people have once and for all chosen their path and can distinguish clearly their friends and foes; they will never accept the enemy's crocodile tears as a sign of friendship. Instead, they will think of the origin of all those dreadful crimes that have been committed by the savage counterrevolutionaries in collaboration with Chinese hegemonism and reaction of the region on the instructions of the White House, designed by the Pentagon and the infernal CIA, and with the assistance of some NATO countries and Islamabad militarists.

Similarly, despite the hollow propaganda of Iranian authorities on pursuing an anti-imperialist policy, it is known that the reactionary rulers of Iran have stood virtually as an ally in the undeclared war of imperialism and reaction against revolutionary Afghanistan.

Reagan's words on easing tension in southwest Asia and the political solution of the so-called Afghan issue can never conceal his previous words in the same speech, which clearly promised aid for the expansion of the war. The people of the world know that the United States spends hundreds of millions of dollars in a comprehensive military, political, propaganda and psychological war against our free, independent and nonaligned country, and is the leader of all black and corrupt forces of our planet that want to reverse the wheel of our revolution by aggressive and interventionist actions.

The people of the DRA know that White House support for the armed counterrevolution as the official policy of the United States and its allies is nothing new. They know why the U.S. Administration spends all this money for an objective which it itself knows has no future, and that the April revolution will be victorious and its enemies will be destroyed. The DRA considers the recent remarks of the U.S. President as another confession of U.S. armed interference in the internal affairs of Afghanistan, and once again confidently declares that this increase in U.S. political and military aid to the defeated counterrevolution will enjoy the same fate as that of its previous aid, and will not deter our people from building a new, prosperous, progressive and democratic society.

The people of the DRA consider these statements by the enemies as a sign of defeat for their aggressive policy against Afghanistan and a sign of warmongering hysteria arising from this defeat, and they strongly condemn them.

Soviet Delegation Arrives for Aviation Talks
LD281823 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 28 Dec 84

[Text] A Soviet delegation led by Professor Yuriy Antoniyevich Izrael, member of the CPSU Central Committee, chairman of the State Committee for Hydrometeorology and Environmental Control, and first vice-chairman of the World Meteorological Organization, arrived this morning in Kabul for a friendly, official visit at the invitation of the DRA Government.

At Kabul international airport, the delegation was welcomed by Sher Jan Mazduryar, member of the PDPA Central Committee

and Minister of Transportation; Mohammad Na'im Ajmal, head of civil aviation; the head of the Meteorological Department; the permanent representative of the DRA in the World Meteorological Organization; and an official of the Soviet Embassy in Kabul.

During its stay in Kabul, the delegation will hold talks with Afghan authorities on cooperation in the field of civil aviation between the two countries, and will sign a series of protocols in that field.

Continued Mujahidin Operations Reported

BK281125 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 28 Dec 84

[Text] The Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan entered its 6th year today. Reports from Afghanistan say there is no letup in the resistance by the Afghan freedom fighters against the Soviet-backed Karmal regime. Intensified fighting has been reported from many places in Afghanistan.

In Qandahar city and surrounding areas, at least 24 Soviet-Karmal troops are reported killed in severe clashes. The biggest clash took place in Arghandab subdivision where the freedom fighters destroyed one tank and two armored vehicles in a swift attack on a Soviet-Karmal mobile unit. The mujahidin also attacked the Soviet-Karmal security post in the central part of Qandahar city and an electricity substation in the western part. A number of Soviet-Karmal troops were reported killed in these attacks.

The freedom fighters killed at least 13 Soviet-Karmal troops and arrested a spy of the Karmal intelligence organization, KHAD, in the central Afghan province of Ghowr. According to reports, the freedom fighters also attacked a Soviet-Karmal post at Ahangaran near Chaghcharan headquarters on the 13th of this month. They destroyed four armored vehicles in the attack. There are also reports of fighting between the Afghan freedom fighters and the Soviet-Karmal troops in Laghaman and Takhar provinces of Afghanistan.

Mujahidin Operations in Kabul Reported

BK301545 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 30 Dec 84

[Text] Reports from Afghanistan say that the Afghan mujahidin fired rockets on Kabul for 5 continous nights despite heavy security measures taken on the 5th anniversary of foreign military intervention in Afghanistan. In an attack 3 days before the anniversary of Soviet intervention, over a dozen Soviet-Karmal soldiers were killed. The attack continued at least until Friday.

Afghan mujahidin shot down a Soviet helicopter near Bahzab town on 17 December; destroyed two tanks in the Takhar province; and caused damage with rockets to nine oil facilities near Saraisafa town in Zabol Province. They also inflicted heavy loss of life on the Soviet-Karmal forces in these operations.

Security Forces Seize Weapons in Lalandar

LD301747 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 30 Dec 84

[Text] Our dear compatriots are aware that U.S. imperialism in collaboration with Chinese hegemonism and the reaction of the region is continuously providing huge quantities of arms through the military regime of Pakistan to the counterrevolutionaries in order to bring terror, destruction, arson and murder to our revolutionary homeland. The Reagan administration provides various types of heavy weapons and ground-to-ground missiles to the counterrevolutionaries to disrupt the peaceful life of our people.

During their activities yesterday the country's vigilant security forces destroyed the satanic nests of the rebels in the Lalandar area and seized from their hideouts 33 ground-to-ground [name indistinct] rockets, a number of D.Sh.K's with 10 boxes of ammunition, and a number of antipersonnel mines, which is more evidence of the shameless interference of these criminals.

Air Force Officers Receive Commendations

LD302122 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 30 Dec 84

[Text] According to a decree by the DRA Revolutionary Council and approved by Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council, badges and medals of the DRA were awarded today to 837 soldiers and officers of the Air Force and Air Defense Force on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the formation of the PDPA.

A BIA correspondent reports that at a gathering held in the central club of the garrison in Khwajah Rawash, a number of senior officers of the Air Force and the Air Defense spoke. They congratulated the staff of the Air Force and Air Defense on achieving this great honor.

On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the PDPA, badges and medals for courage and good service, which had been approved by the DRA Revolutionary Council Presidium, and also commendations and gifts of the DRA Ministry of Defense, were distributed to a number of outstanding officers and staff of Logistics Transport Brigade No 219.

Editorial on Pakistan's Policy in Geneva Talks

GF281318 Lahore JANG in Urdu 22 Dec 84 p 6

[Editorial: "The Next Round of Geneva Talks"]

[Text] Addressing the 15th Islamic foreign ministers conference, Finance Minister Ghulam Ishaq Khan of Pakistan said that Pakistan will leave no stone unturned in searching for a peaceful solution to the Afghanistan problem. It is inevitable that the Muslim countries should unite to safeguard themselves from external aggression. In any case, he said, Pakistan will not give up its principled stand. Ghulam Ishaq Khan said the difficulties being faced by the Afghan people because of the occupation of

their country by foreign forces are a cause of concern for the entire Islamic nation. The Afghans, despite their difficulties, have been showing unparalled stability and resistance for the last several years in order to regain their independence. In connection with this effort, about 3 million of them have had to take refuge in Pakistan. We are helping these oppressed people in the spirit of Islamic brotherhood.

Pakistan's finance minister said that a just and peaceful solution of this problem was for the foreign forces to leave the country and the nonaligned and independent status of Afghanistan to be restored. They should be allowed to choose their economic, political, and social systems freely. Arrangements should be made for an honorable and safe return of the Afghan refugees to their homes. The minister of finance said that Pakistan is engaged in indirect talks in the hope that their sincere efforts and diplomatic proceedings may end in positive results.

The security of the people of Afghanistan has been threatened by military intervention in Afghanistan and a dangerous situation has arisen. Pakistan is continually being pressured and its borders are continually being violated, causing losses in life and property. Pakistan, however, is trying to be patient and tolerant so that the situation does not deteriorate further and so that no hitch can arise in the upcoming talks on this issue.

Ghulam Ishaq Khan's remarks reiterate effectively the principled stand of Pakistan on the Afghanistan question. It shows that Pakistan is ready to adopt any reasonable path for its solution. Unfortunately, the other party has yet to show any sign of understanding reality. It is not only creating difficulties for the people of Afghanistan, but it is also suffering huge losses itself. According to the latest figures, 9,000 Soviet Army personnelhave been killed in Afghanistan during the last 5 years in addition to 16,000-17,000 wounded. They also have suffered huge financial losses, not to mention the fact that the Soviet Union has been dubbed an aggressive world power. All its claims of supporting peace, justice, the right to self-rule, and sovereignty of nations have become baseless and void of trust. This is a very great loss, and a superpower should not consider it an unimportant matter.

The next round of talks will be held in Geneva in February. UN Secretary General Perez de Cuellar has expressed the hope that the parties concerned will adopt a flexible attitude in these talks, as this is a most appropriate time to settle the issue. By this he probably means that there is a noticeable thaw in the cold war between the United States and the Soviet Union, and that next month talks between the foreign ministers of these two superpowers will be held. It is hoped that in these talks they may find a way to resolve the very sensitive problem of disarmament. This will result in reducing world tension. The secretary general's hope one will be prayed for by the whole world. But everything depends on the party intervening in Afghanistan revising its policy.

Let us hope that in light of the experience that the Soviet Union has gained in Afghanistan over the past 5 years, it will not continue to persist in its plan to overpower Afghanistan completely, and that it will not shun the idea of finding and accepting a face-saving and honorable way of getting out of this entanglement.

Rajiv, Congress-I Score Landslide Victories

Three-Fourths of Seats Won

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[Figures as heard]

[Excerpts] Breaking all records, the Congress-I has already secured 392 seats in the 8th Lok Sabha, more than a three-fourths majority.

Here is the latest overall party position: total seats: 515; results declared: 498; Congress-I: 392; Telugu Desam Party: 28; CPI-M: 22; AIADMK [All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam]: 12; Janata: 2; CPI: 5; Congress-S: 4; DMKP [Dalit Mazdoor Kisan Party] 3; BJP: [Bharatiya Janata Party]: 2; DMK [Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam]: 1; Congress-J: 1; National Conference-Farooq: 3; Independents and others: 15.

Defeats Menaka Gandhi

BK290650 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0631 GMT 29 Dec 84

["Special Election Bulletin"]

[Excerpt] The prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, has been declared elected from Amethi. He defeated Mrs Menaka Gandhi, president of the Rashtriya Sanjay Manch, by a margin of 314,878 votes.

AFP: Menaka To Request Repoll

HK281407 Hong Kong AFP in English 1401 GMT 28 Dec 84

[Text] New Delhi, Dec 28 (AFP) — Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, who by early poll figures looked set for an overwhelming win over his sister-in-law Menaka Gandhi in the Amethi Constituency of Uttar Pradesh state, has been threatened with an election petition.

Mrs. Gandhi told a press conference here today that she would formally petition the election commission as soon as possible to have a repoll in this rural constituency in northern India once held by her late husband, Sanjay Gandhi, the premier's younger brother.

Earlier in the day she tried unsuccessfully to have the vote count halted on charges that more than half the ballots had been cast fraudulently. She said she was collecting signatures from people who had been unable to vote.

"There were thousands of such cases", she said and claimed to have with her two ballot papers made out in favor of Mr Gandhi as proof to what she alleged was massive booth capturing by police, local authorities, two ministers and their partymen.

Asked whether she had expected to win the seat, Mrs Gandhi said: "If the prime minister were winning where was the need to rig votes."

"Even on the evidence of the two ballot papers I have, they (the election commission) can stop the counting," Mrs Gandhi said.

She said a repoll should be ordered to remove the suspicion that Mr Gandhi was holding onto power by fraudulent means.

Janata Party Chief Loses

BK290424 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0330 GMT 29 Dec 84

["Special Election Bulletin"]

[Excerpts] The Congress-I has secured an absolute majority in the eighth Lok Sabha and is heading for a landslide victory. It has established commanding position in other states except in Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal.

The Janata Party chief, Mr Chandra Shekhar, has lost the Balia seat in Uttar Pradesh to the Congress-I candidate, Mr Jagannath Chowdhury.

Prominent winners include union ministers Mr Jagannath Kaushal, Mr H.K.L. Bhagat, Rao Birendra Singh, Mr Veerendra Patril, Mr C.K. Jaffar Sheriff, Mr B. Shankaranand. Mr Ghulam Nabi Azad, Mr S.B. Chavan, Mr Vasant Sathe, Mr Shiv Raj Patil, Mr Buta Singh, Mr Ram Niwas Mirdha, Mrs Mohshina Kidwai, Mr Z.R. Ansari, and the Lok Sabha speaker, Mr Balram Jakhar.

Former union ministers, Mr Bansilal, Mr P.C. Sethi, and Mr V.C. Shukla were among those who have won. The Congress-I general secretary, Mr Arun Kumar Nehru, Mr Chandulal Chandrakar, Mrs Rajendra Kumari Bajpai, and Abdul Gafoor and two former chief ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Mr T. Anjaiah and Mr J. Vengala rao have been elected.

Former diplomats Mr Natwar Singh and Mr K.R. Narayanan, and film stars Mr Amitabh Bachan and Mr Sunil Dutt have been victorious.

Many opposition leaders have lost and some are trailing. The leaders include the Bharatiya Janata Party, [BJP] president, Mr Atal Behari Vajpayee; its vice president, Mr Ram Jethmalani; the Dalit Mazdoor Kishan Party [DMKP] leader, Mr H.M. Bahuguna; the party vice president, Mr Devi Lal; the Janata Party leader, Mr George Farnendes; the CPI-M leader, Mr Samar Mukherjee.

Rajiv Reelected Congress-i Leader, Views Future

BK310917 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 31 Dec 84

[Excerpts] The prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, has been unanimously reelected leader of the Congress-I parliamentary party. Thunderous cheers greeted the announcement of his election by Mr Buta Singh in the central hall of parliament this afternoon. His name was proposed by Mr Narasimha Rao and seconded by Mrs Mohsina Kidwai. Mr Vishwanth Pratap Singh supported the proposal.

Addressing the members after his election, Mr Rajiv Gandhi said his government will work for strengthening the unity and integrity of the country and for a brighter future for India. He described the victory of the Congress-I in the election as a victory for the programs and ideologies of the party. It was appropriate that the people should have given a massive mandate to the Congress-I as it enters its centenary year. Leaders like Mr Surendranath Banerjee, Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, and Indira Gandhi had chartered the way for preserving the country's unity and integrity. It was more necessary today than at any time to follow that path. Mr Gandhi said his government will try to solve soon the problems facing the country, but the real problem that we face is that of improving the lot of the poor. We have to ensure that the programs for the uplift of the poor yield a result. His party will take India ahead and will give the country a clean and efficient government. He said his party will try to fulfill the promises it has made to the people. It will build up the strength of youths and women, for these are the sections which can give real strength to the country. India, he said, has to prepare for the 21st century. We have to think in new terms not only in science and technology, but also in administration so that the country can move faster.

Thanking the people for the confidence reposed in him, Mr Rajiv Gandhi said he will strive his best to see that their hopes are fulfilled. He noted that today, 2 months had elapsed since the passing away of Mrs Indira Gandhi. There can be no better memorial than to ensure that every drop of blood shed by her had gone to strengthen India's unity, he said.

Views Domestic, Foreign Policy

BK291352 Delhi Domestic Service in Hindi 1248 GMT 29 Dec 84

[Text] Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi has said that the massive mandate the Congress-I has received is for the unity and integrity of the nation. Talking to newsmen after his election in Delhi today, Gandhi said that his first task will be to strengthen the nation's unity, maintain communal harmony, and protect the rights of the minorities and weaker sections of the people. Attention will be immediately paid to the Punjab problem. He said that his government will accept all help from the opposition in solving the Punjab tangle. On foreign policy, he said that the policy of his government will remain the same as the former one of establishing friendly relations with all nations, especially the neighboring states. He said that the new Cabinet will be constituted within a couple of days and the new parliament will meet in the third week of February.

Ministers Resign Posts After Elections

Energy Minister Quits

BK291440 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1433 GMT 29 Dec 84

[Text] The minister for energy, Mr P. Shiv Shankar, has submitted his resignation as a Cabinet minister. This follows his defeat in the parliamentary election.

Regional Officials Resign

BK291404 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 29 Dec 84

[Text] The Karnataka chief minister, Mr Ramkrishna Hegde, has submitted his resignation and also recommended dissolution of the state assembly immediately. This was disclosed by Mr Hegde to newsmen in Bangalore. In a letter addressed to the state governor, Mr A.N. Banerjee, Mr Hegde said the Lok Sabha election results are not the reasons for dissolving the state assembly.

The minister of state for home, Mr D.M. Venkatasubbaiah, has also resigned. He sent his resignation letter to the prime minister following his defeat in the Lok Sabha poll.

Rajiv Not To Dismiss Leaders

BK291722 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 29 Dec 84

[Excerpts] The Karnataka chief minister, Mr Ramkrishna Hegde, has submitted his resignation and also recommended dissolution of the state assembly immediately.

Earlier, the prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, told newsmen in New Delhi that the center would not dismiss the government in Karnataka in the wake of the Congress-I victory in the Lok Sabha elections in the state. He said it was wrong to have dismissed government in 1977 and 1980. But Mr Hegde was part of the government that took the action in 1977. It was for him to judge the moral right to stay there, he said.

Congress-I Parliamentary Members To Convene

BK290857 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0836 GMT 29 Dec 84

[Text] A meeting of the newly elected Congress-I members of the Lok Sabha and the party members in the Rajya Sabha will be held in New Delhi on Monday. This was announced by the party general secretary, Mr Moopanar, and the chief whip of the Congress-I parliamentary party, Mr Buta Singh, today.

Defeated Parties Make Statements on Election

BK291736 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 29 Dec 84

[Text] The Bharatiya Janata Party [BJP] and the Janata Party have in separate statements said that they accept the verdict of the people. The Janata Party president, Mr Chandra Shekhar, said that the Congress-I should now strive to fulfill the commitments for which they got the enhanced mandate. The BJP said after a meeting of the central office bearer that the Congress-I will now have to show results.

Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, PRC Leaders Greet Rajiv

BK300432 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0245 GMT 30 Dec 84

[Excerpt] The Bangladesh president, General Ershad, has congratulated the prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, on his distinctive victory and he looks forward to closer ties with India.

The Sri Lankan president, Mr Jayewardene, welcomed the opportunity to continue close relations with Mr Gandhi in bilateral issues.

China has expressed the hope of a further improvement in its relations with India in the light of overwhelming victory for the ruling party in the general elections.

Election Commission Certifies 8th Lok Sabha

BK310921 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 31 Dec 84

[Text] The newly elected eighth Lok Sabha has been duly constituted. The Election Commission issued a notification in New Delhi this morning for this purpose. The notification contains the names of elected candidates for 504 Lok Sabha seats for which results had been declared at that time.

Earlier, the president dissolved the seventh Lok Sabha. This follows the recommendation of the union Cabinet, which met in New Delhi this morning.

Madhya Pradesh To Sue Union Carbide in U.S.

BK301608 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 30 Dec 84

[Text] The Madhya Pradesh Government has decided to file legal suits against the U.S. multinational Union Carbide in American courts. The suits will be filed on behalf of its employees, the affected population of Bhopal city and other institutions.

A decision to this effect was taken at a Cabinet meeting presided over by the chief minister, Mr Arjan Singh, in Bhopal today.

The state government has appealed to the people in Bhopal not to enter into individual agreements with foreign lawyers for taking up their legal suits. An official press release said the government will take all steps to protect the interest of the people.

Legal Aid Centers Established

BK310932 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 31 Dec 84

[Text] The Madhya Pradesh government has decided to open four legal aid guidance centers in Bhopal for the benefit of the recent gas tragedy victims.

These centers will advise the people on filing claims for legal suits to be filed by the state government against the multinational Union Carbide company in American courts.

Zia Extends 'Sincere Greetings' to Rajiv

BK300917 Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu 0800 GMT 30 Dec 84

[Excerpt] President General Mohammad Ziaul Haq has extended sincere greetings to Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi on the landslide victory of the Congress-I party in the Indian general elections. In a message to Rajiv Gandhi, the president said: The decisive victory gained by the Congress-I Party is a tribute to your leadership and fully reflects the confidence of the Indian people in you as prime minister.

The president said he is ready to work with Rajiv Gandhi for the promotion of mutually beneficial relations between Pakistan and India based on mutual trust and confidence and for strengthening peace and stability in the region. He assured Rajiv Gandhi of Pakistan's full cooperation in the realization of this objective. In his message, the president also expressed good wishes for the continued progress and prosperity of the Indian people.

Zia Stresses Peaceful Nature of Nuclear Program

BK301611 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 30 Dec 84

[Text] In its meeting in Islamabad today, the Pakistan Atomic Energy Council reviewed the activities of the Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission. Among the commission's specific achievements mentioned at the meeting were the increase in nuclear energy production, remarkable success in the research of atomic minerals, and processes for producing better varieties of crops.

President Mohammad Ziaul Haq presided over the meeting. He emphasized the peaceful nature of the nuclear energy program and appreciated the scientists' devotion to their work. The president assured them of his assistance in their efforts.

Present at the meeting were, among others, Ghulam Ishaq Khan, federal finance minister; Dr M.A. Qazi, the adviser for science and technology; and federal secretaries.

Demonstration by Biharis in Karachi Reported

BK290525 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 0110 GMT 29 Dec 84

[Text] There have been demonstrations in Karachi demanding repatriation of stranded Pakistanis from Bangladesh. Police fired tear gas to disperse a stone-throwing crowd which blocked roads, burned tires, and set a government vehicle on fire in Karachi yesterday.

The crowd, mostly Biharis, were protesting against President Ziaul Haq's remark in which he had ruled out the possibility of any further repatriation of Biharis from Bangladesh.

Policeman Killed in Violence

BK291559 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 29 Dec 84

[Excerpt] A press note issued in Karachi this evening said that a group of people in Orangi town demonstrated after the Friday prayers yesterday in protest of an improperly presented report about the Bihari residents. They put up barricades on the street and set public buses on fire. The demonstrators were dispersed with considerable persuasion and by intermittent use of tear gas.

At about 1100 today, an 11-member delegation representing the Biharis asked for an explanation from the deputy martial law administrator about the misunderstandings and misgivings, which were remedied during the meeting. These people left the deputy martial law administrator's headquarters with the assurance that peace and integrity would be maintained in the area. But in the meantime, a large number of people gathered and shouted slogans in Orangi's sector 11, 11 and 1/2, 14 and 15. Barricades went up and policemen were stoned, as a results of which a policeman died on the spot and 11 other police were injured. However, the police — with utmost restraint and patience — dispersed the violent mob by using tear gas. The situation has been brought under control and the police are patrolling the area.

President's Remarks Clarified

BK301024 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 30 Dec 84

[Text] An official spokesman said in Islamabad yesterday that certain newspapers have presented the president's remarks about Biharis in a distorted manner. In fact, the president said that the Biharis are peaceful and patriotic citizens and they have made great sacrifices for Pakistan. The spokesman said that the Government of Pakistan has tried to provide necessary facilities to help the Bihari refugees in finding residential accommodation and in standing on their feet whenever they come to Pakistan. Were it not for these facilities, they would face difficulties.

The spokesman said that while talking to newsmen in Karachi, the president had used the word "unemployed" and not "beggars" which has been wrongly reported by some newspapers. The spokesman expressed regret at the Karachi incident and hoped that necessary cooperation will be provided to the concerned organizations for maintaining law and order.

President Urges Confronting Plots Against OPEC

GF290535 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1730 GMT 28 Dec 84

[Text of Arabic Friday sermon by Tehran Friday Imam President 'Ali Khamene'i at Tehran University on 28 December — recorded]

[Text] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. O children of our Islamic nation. Peace be on thee. This is a fraternal greeting from a people who exceedingly love Islam and the revolutionary struggle in order to spread the divine teachings. I would like to draw your attention, brothers and sisters, to the phenomenon of the escalating plots against our Islamic nation in various fields. I also would like to draw your attention to the need to be aware and to be ready to abort these plots.

Today, one of these plots is represented in the pressures directed by the superpowers against the OPEC countries. The biggest share of OPEC oil belongs to the Muslims. The oil of the Islamic world constitutes the major part of the commodities of the countries of this region. International arrogance is pressuring OPEC in order to achieve its ambitions of plundering the resources of the Islamic world so that the Muslim people remain destitute and poor. International arrogance will consequently succeed in eliminating the threat which these people, who make up one-fourth of the world's population, represent. We believe that these pressures which are being exerted can be confronted. As the oil countries need markets to sell their oil, so too do the industrial countries badly need this vital material. It is certain that the industrial countries have the greater need. The world is nowadays associated to a great extent with the oil countries. Therefore, in order strongly to bolster the prestige of oil in our world, we propose that the OPEC countries — particularly the Islamic countries — adopt a decisive stance to confront the maneuvers of the international tyrants. We call on OPEC to take real control over matters pertaining to this vital material.

There is one important fact of which the Muslims must be aware. This fact is that the Islamic world, with its huge resources and vital materials, a population totalling one-fourth of the world's population and certain other moral and material advantages, is capable of eliminating the yoke imposed by the satans of international arrogance. The Islamic world is capable of recouping its usurped rights in all fields and of raising aloft the banner of dear Islam and of the Holy Koran in all fields of life.

The Islamic world has enormous power. The Muslim people must discover this power and use it. An example of this is Islamic Iran. Its power has been demonstrated in the effective role it has played in the international arena.

All of this depends on our return to God, on counting on God and on resorting to God so that we will not ignore God. If we ignore God we will then forget our entity and ourselves. God, the Almighty, said: "And be ye not like those who forgot God, and he made them forget their own souls! Such are the rebellious transgressors." [Koranic verse] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. "Say: He is God, the one and only; God the eternal and absolute; he begetteth not, nor he is begotten; and there is none like unto him." [Koranic verse]

President Addresses Army Command College Seminar

LD291216 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 29 Dec 84

[Text] A seminar of commanders of combat, cultural, educational and logistic units, as well as deputy commanders of the Ground Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran was opened this morning at the command college and the Ground Forces headquarters with a speech by President Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i, chairman of the Supreme Defense Council. The seminar was also attended by Brigadier Zahirnezhad, the Imam's representative at the Supreme Defence Council; the chief of the Joint Staff of the Islamic Republic Armed Forces; the minister of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps; commanders of the Ground and Naval Forces; the deputy commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps; the deputy interior minister for Islamic revolution committees; the chief of police; and a number of Army officers.

President Khamene'i, while noting that our Army's present condition is exceptionally good, said [announcer read]: The Army has not, perhaps, throughout history, enjoyed its present advantages. Today, the Islamic Republic's Army is better than at any period throughout its history, while also being more advanced and more successful. The present status of the Army is unparalleled in history. The reason for this is that in the past the Army was not defending aspirations and principles. This, in turn, stems from faith.

In another part of his speech, having recalled the Army's existing advantages, the president said: Today, the Army is on the side of the people, being free from the domination of any foreign power. In the past, we witnessed foreign domination over our Army. Today, however, you enjoy cohesion and organization, while being part of the people; you are now defending their ideals.

Khamene'i than added: The objective of imposing this war on us was not simply confined to occupying certain parts of our country's borders; rather, they meant to insult and humiliate this nation and defeat our Islamic revolution. What they aimed to achieve was to bring back the rejected Americans to Iran, so as to turn a country — which was about to become a spiritual power and is playing a determining role in interntional equations — into a defeated entity, thus depriving the popular forces of their opportunities.

Addressing the commanders of the Ground Forces of the Armed Forces, the chairman of the Supreme Defense Council said: Not only must the Army carry out its duties as an organization serving the people and accept its challenge, but it must make use of the present situation as a pretext for a fundamental change, a change which should include methods and approaches, and even an atmosphere going beyond the Army. [sentence as heard] This would then become an interesting situation. Under the present circumstances, the Army must generate in itself the necessary capabilities to counter the enemy. You can, through new initiatives, achieve in all fields such progress which would be impossible for any Army under normal circumstances.

The president then continued: Fortunately, our Army's performances on the battlefields so far have been honorable and glorious. I have personally witnessed the Army's courageous

resistance on the battlefields. During this period, our Army has managed to become more efficient, both quantitatively and qualitatively.

He then emphasized: Our Army must remain in the forefront of the people and the revolutionary elements. It must be considered as the tip of the arrow which pierces the enemy's heart. Our Army is one of the graceful parts of this nation; it must continue to maintain this grace.

Concluding his remarks with reference to the issue of self-sufficiency in the Army, Khamane'i said: You must take the question of self-sufficiency in the Army quite seriously. Thank God, when it comes to this, we do have good possibilities. Consequently, one must make use of the present eagerness and enthusiasm which are witnessed everywhere. Self-sufficiency cannot be achieved easily; to acquire it one must work hard. We must make the Army self-sufficient in all possible aspects, including equipment, methods and organization, as required in the battlefields and as dictated by experience. It is a common belief that our most important problem today is to render the Army self-sufficient. The Army's true growth is possible only when it achieves outstanding successes.

Rafsanjani Predicts Struggle With 'Arrogant Powers'

LD281817 Tehran IRNA in English 1700 GMT 28 Dec 84

[Text] Tehran, Dec. 28, IRNA — Majlis speaker Akbar Ha shemi Rafsanjani predicted a "long and all-out" struggle by the Islamic Republic against the world powers in the years to come, in a meeting with ulema members of the Islamic Republic Party [IRP] Thursday.

He said if one day the United States changed its hostile posture towards Iran, it would either be out of fear of the Islamic Republic or because it felt Iran had set aside its combative spirit.

"The Islam-seeking wave is spreading from Indonesia and Malaysia to Bangladesh, India and Pakistan, to Afghanistan and the Soviet Union, and to the Persian Gulf states and most African countries," Rafsanjani said.

"Religion has come into the arena and the Islam-seeking wave is very evident, whether among Shi'ites or Sunnis."

The United States once used to exploit Islam as a tool against communism, but it never thought that Islam could become the foundations of a state such as Iran, the Majlis speaker added.

"We consider this revolution to be Islamic before anything else and the Sunni brothers and ulema are giving martyrs for it every day.

"I predict that we will have a long and all-out struggle with the world arrogant powers...

"If one day America showed a tendency towards us it would be for two reasons. It would be either out of its (U.S.) fear or because it feels we have stopped our struggle.

"In any other case, compromise between the devil (U.S.) and the angel (Iran) and the water and fire is impossible."

Rafsanjani, who is also one of Imam Khomeyni's representatives to the Supreme Defence Council, repeated Iran's warnings to Iraq and its supporters in the region against retaliatory strikes on shipping in the Persian Gulf.

"They know that except for a small area, the whole Persian Gulf is in the hands of our aircraft. "(They know) we are able to attack one of their ships for every ship (attacked near Iran's oil terminals in the Persian Gulf) and we will accept responsibility for none of them," the Majlis speaker said.

He said "It is still not clear" if Iran has in fact attacked any ship in the Persian Gulf.

Rafsanjani also repeated warnings that the Islamic Republic would close the Strait of Hormuz in case its oil exports were forced to a halt by Iraqi attacks.

Asked by the gathering IRP ulema if rumours of differences between him as deputy secretary general of the IRP and President 'Ali Khamene'i, the secretary general of the party, were true, Rafsanjani said "as time goes by, my faith in him (Khamene'i) grows stronger."

"Whenever he makes a statement, I accept without hesitation.

"Whatever he wants is what I want," Rafsanjani said.

Asked about differences among IRP members in general, he said there are two main groups within the IRP, one which believes in more government control in various affairs and the other which believes the lesser government control the better.

"Of course," he added, "these two trends are both Muslims and sincere, and none are against Islam.

"There is another view which says there are three trends in the Party. But in any case, I am ready to work comfortably with all three."

Speaks on War, Defense

GF290720 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 29 Dec 84

[Excerpts] According to our correspondent, the IRP clergymen met Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani, the speaker of the Islamic Majlis on Thursday afternoon. During this meeting, Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani spoke in detail about the efforts of international oppression to stem the spread of the Islamic revolution's trend throughout the world, and said: Despite all these efforts, reports we are receiving indicate that the wave of sincere forces seeking Islam is spreading from Indonesia, Malaysia, Bangladesh, India and Pakistan to the Soviet Union and Afghanistan and the Persian Gulf countries, as well as to most of the African countries. The younger generation and those who desire Islamic social justice are its main supporters.

The imam's deputy in the Supreme Defense Council then alluded to the efforts of international oppression against the Islamic revolution of Iran and said: The arrogant powers of the East and West and their allies have given so many armaments to Iraq that if they were not at war with the Islamic Republic, they would not have dared to give any Arab countries so much weaponry. The French Exocets, which are fired from a distance and blow up a vessel; modern tanks; U.S. AWACS, which inform the Iraqi airplanes of the routes of the oil tankers, and advanced chemical weapons and many others are given to Iraq solely for the sake of fighting against Islam and the Islamic Republic. But the Iranian nation is conducting this war without depending on anyone and is able to use any complicated arms left over from the previous regime. Take for example, the F-14's. The Americans thought that we would not be able to use them. This is why the interim regime had insisted that they should be returned to the United States and the Americans had expressed the same opinion. Contrary to their expectations, these airplanes have been used and it is interesting to note that we have not yet lost even one of these in the war.

The Speaker of the Islamic Majlis referred to the new scheme for the Armed Forces and said: Work on this plan has been going on for a long time, and the opinions of the various echelons of the Armed Forces as well as those of the experts have been implemented. Even now if anyone has a suggestion or recommendation, he can send it in the form of a letter to the Defense Commission, though in my opinion it would not be proper to delay this plan any longer.

Musavi Addresses Police on Narcotics Trafficking

LD281526 Tehran IRNA in English 1329 GMT 28 Dec 84

[Text] Tehran, Dec. 28, IRNA — Prime Minister Hoseyn Musavi said narcotics trafficking and moral corruption in Iran are politically motivated and the police forces have a sensitive role in eliminating them. Musavi was speaking Thursday to a group of police detectives and officers led by the head of the police forces Colonel Samimi. He said after the Islamic revolution, the changing social values came in conflict with those who still believed in imported western values.

Drug traffickers and morally corrupt individuals "certainly support the corrupt policies of the world arrogant powers," he said. He said the fact that Majlis deputies were trying to activate or establish a police station in their constituencies, indicates the government's appreciation of the police.

Armed Forces Joint Staff Issues Communiques

No 1,955

LD281808 Tehran IRNA in English 1755 GMT 28 Dec 84

[Text] Tehran, Dec. 28, IRNA — Five homes were damaged by Iraqi heavy weapons fire on the southern port-city of Abadan Thursday, reported the Joint Staff Communique No 1955, released this evening.

It said artillery and mortar duels continued in all the battle fronts during the past 24 hours, being more intense in the southern fronts of Kushk and Majnun Islands.

As a result, a portion of enemy front-line and heavy weapons positions were demolished and a number of their soldiers were killed, the communique added.

In the northwestern fronts of Haj Omran and Piranshahr, Iraqi logistical traffic was under the surveillance of the Islamic forces of Iran, who also kept a close watch on the activities of another enemy infantry unit in the Qasr-e Shirin front.

No 1,956

LD291527 Tehran IRNA in English 1510 GMT 29 Dec 84

[Text] Tehran, Dec. 29, IRNA — Iran's Muslim combatants bombarded Iraqi motorized columns in the northwestern front Friday checking their activities while deploying hit and run tactics in sensitive areas of the theater.

Joint Staff Command communique number 1956 said Saturday that Iran's Muslim combatants also strengthened their defensive positions in the same front and silenced enemy artillery fire, raining heaving fire on them.

A number of individual bunkers and mortar launchers were destroyed in this front.

In the Western front, artillery duels continued and enemy tank, artillery and infantry positions came under Iranian bombardment.

In the Sumar area, one Iraqi patrol groups was spotted and forced to retreat by Iranian defenders' fire.

In various areas of the Western front, a number of Iraqi vehicles were destroyed by the fire of Iranian forces.

On the banks of the Arvand river, the Muslim combatants controlled Al-Faw-Basra supply routes by firing on Iraqi installations which also interrupted their engineering activities.

In the west of the river, Iraqi defence lines were destroyed by Iranian fire.

The port city of Abadan came under Iraqi bombardment Friday damaging 9 houses and one shop.

No 1,957

LD301605 Tehran IRNA in English 1600 GMT 30 Dec 84

[Text] Tehran, Dec. 30, IRNA — A military communique published here today by the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran and numbered 1957, said that as artillery fire was traded between the Iranian troops and the Iraqi forces in the battlefronts on Saturday, a number of the Iraqi soldiers were killed and or wounded in Bakhtaran, Ilam and across the Arvand river.

The Joint Staff communique said that on Saturday the Iranian troops had maintained their control over the Iraqi troops in the battlefronts preventing their operations throughout the day.

In Panjvin the Iranian troops ambushed an enemy patrol unit inflicting casualties upon it and repelling it away from the area.

In Bakhtaran and Ilam, Iran's Muslim combatants wrecked one 120-mm gun of the Iraqi troops and killed and or wounded many of the Iraqi soldiers. In Shur-eshrin, the Iranian soldiers spotted a patrol unit of the Iraqi forces and repelled it from the area inflicting casualties upon the enemy.

In Arvand river area, Iran's gendarmerie combatants shelled enemy positions across the river destroying at least seven of their artillery emplacements and killing and or wounding a number of the Iraqis.

On Saturday the Iraqi forces shelled the Iranian city of Abadan damaging five private houses there.

Iraqis Bomb Khuzestan Towns; Casualties Noted

LD301614 Tehran IRNA in English 1610 GMT 30 Dec 84

[Text] Ahvaz, Khuzestan Pr, Dec. 30, IRNA — Several Iraqi warplanes barraged two civilian population centres of Iran's southern Khuzestan Province Sunday, causing scores of casualties.

The latest attack at 13:30 (10:00 GMT) took place against the border town of Bostan, in the province's Dasht-e Azedegan valley.

So far, the bodies of 14 people have been found and another 90 injured people have been transferred to the nearby town of Susangerd.

The first attack at 11:45 a.m. (8:15 GMT) against the village of Magasis Ramleh, also in Dasht-e Azadegan valley, injured four villagers and two war-reconstruction workers.

The village was badly damaged soon after the Iraqi invasion four years ago and reconstruction efforts had began this year.

The villagers had returned to Magasis Ramleh and were living in tents, awaiting the completion of the reconstruction work.

Today's Iraqi air raids have been yet further violations of the U.N. sponsored June 12 agreement between Iran and Iraq to halt attacks against civilian populations.

Further Bombing

LD301708 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 30 Dec 84

[Excerpt] The Central News Unit also reports that following the bombing of Bostan this afternoon, which brought death and injury to a number of people, once again the intruding planes of the Iraqi Ba'thist-Zionist regime bombed the district of Bostan at 1620 today. On the basis of the latest report received, in the course of these two attacks, 14 people were martyred and 90 others were wounded.

Iraqi 'Revolutionaries' Attack Saddam Forces

LD291133 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 29 Dec 84

[Text] In a surprise attack, Iraqi Muslim revolutionaries killed a number of Saddam's forces who were dispatched to the holy city of Najaf.

According to reports received from Iraq, these servicemen were dispatched to Najaf to arrest Muslim military personnel who had refused to participate in the war efforts against the Islamic Republic of Iran. These forces encountered a surprise attack by the Muslim Iraqi revolutionaries and were eventually forced to leave the city, leaving behind a considerable number of casualties.

Military, Technical Forces Leave for Fronts

LD290951 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0230 GMT 29 Dec 84

[Text] As a continuation of the daily departure for the battlefronts of light against darkness by the soldiers of the imam of the era, during the past 2 days large groups of selfless combatants of the mobilization force of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps left for the warfronts from the cities of Arsenjan, Ghazian, Ardestan, Semirom and Yazd, accompanied by the ardent farewells of the people of the areas.

Also, in order to supply technical services to Islam's combatants and to reconstruct war-ravaged regions, during the same period large groups of our technical and specialist brothers in various fields left for the said areas from the cities of Ferdows, Yazd, Shahrud and Arak.

DPRK Foreign Minister Leaves for Pyongyang

LD301839 Tehran IRNA in English 1820 GMT 30 dec 84

[Text] Tehran, Dec. 30, IRNA — The foreign minister of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), Kim Yong-nam, left the Iranian capital for Pyongyang this evening after a six-day visit.

Nam, who was being seen off by his counterpart 'Ali Akbar Velayati, described his talks with Iranian officials as "good and beneficial".

He said the two Iranian and Korean nations had a special relationship and the DPRK would like its ties with the Islamic Republic to continue being useful and become stronger.

During his visit, the DPRK foreign minister had talks with President 'Ali Khamene'i, Majlis Speaker Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani, Prime Minister Hoseyn Musavi, Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati and other high-ranking Iranian officials.

Nam said the Third World nations, especially members of the non-aligned movement, should learn from the experiences of the Iranian nation and join ranks for a united struggle against colonialism.

Discusses Visit

LD302312 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 30 Dec 84

[Text] According to our correspondent, Mr Kim Yong-nam, deputy prime minister and foreign affairs minister of the DPRK, who had come to Tehran at the invitation of Mr Velayati, our country's foreign minister, left Tehran at the end of his 6-day visit. He was seen off by our country's foreign minister and several officials in charge of the Foreign Affairs Ministry as well as the DPRK ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Iran.

During his stay in Tehran, Mr Kim Yong-nam, while meeting with the president of the country, the Majlis speaker, the prime minister, and the foreign affairs minister, discussed mutual relations and important international issues. Before leaving Tehran, Mr Kim Yong-nam spoke in an interview about the outcome of this visit in connection with the expansion and greater strengthening of cooperation between the two countries and stated: During this trip, in the course of the meetings we had with senior Iranian officials, we conveyed to them the sympathetic feelings of the people and the Government of the DPRK toward the people and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and held talks regarding the greater strengthening of the union, friendship, and cooperation between the two countries, that has been established since the victory of the Islamic Revolution. Finally, we reached some positive conclusions about cooperation between the two countries.

In connection with talks that have been held between the officials of the two countries about the struggles against the plots of the superpowers over the countries of the Third World and the strengthening of the nonaligned movement, Mr Kim Yong-nam stated: The present is the age of independence for the Iranian and Korean nations, and the countries of the Third World and nonaligned countries too, seek real independence for their respective countries. They do not want their countries to be assaulted by others. He emphasized that the nonaligned movement is presently one of the most important forces in the world against world arrogance. He condemned imperialist and colonialist threats against the nonaligned movement. Referring to the importance of cooperation and friendship between the South-South countries, he said: Iran and Korea belong to the nonaligned movement and they must, through cooperation, unity, and solidarity, and consideration of the principles of this movement, move to strengthen it in order to stand in resistance in the face of world arrogance.

He added: In the meetings I had with Mr Velayati, both countries agreed that honest cooperation should be established between the South-South countries, and Mr Velayati and I agreed on this issue. This was one of the greatest successes of this trip

Group Claims Responsibility for Tehran Blast

GF281506 Kuwait AL-SIYASAH in Arabic 27 Dec 84 pp 1, 23

[Excerpt] An Iranian organization has claimed responsibility for the bomb blast that took place yesterday in south Tehran. An unidentified person telephoned *AL-SIYASAH* and stated that the Iranian organization ARYA executed this operation, in which one person was wounded and a number of cars were damaged.